

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An electric ~~Electric~~ steaming device comprising a housing, a steam generator (5;105) having a base (12;112), heating means (19;119) for heating said base of the steam generator, a water reservoir (4;104), at least one steam outlet opening (16;116), means (6,10;106,110) for feeding water from the water reservoir into the steam generator, and at least one passageway (17,117) for conveying steam from the steam generator (5;105) toward the at least one steam outlet opening (16;116), characterized in that the means for feeding water into the steam generator comprises a spray nozzle (10;110) for spraying water onto the base (12;112) of the steam generator (5;105), said means for spraying water being so adapted that a portion of the sprayed water is mixed with and taken along with conveyed generated steam as it exits the at least one steam outlet opening.

2. (currently amended) An electric ~~Electric~~ steaming device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the heating means for heating the base (12;112) of the steam generator (5;105) comprises a resistive track (19;119) of a thick-film printed circuit.

3. (currently amended) An electric ~~Electric~~ steaming device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the means for feeding water into the steam generator (5;105) comprises an electric pump (6;106).

4. (currently amended) An electric ~~Electric~~ steaming device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the device is a steam iron with a soleplate (2), heating means (3) for heating the

soleplate (2), and a plurality of steam outlet openings (16) provided in the soleplate (2), and in that the passageway (17) for conveying the generated steam to the steam outlet openings (16) comprises at least one steam distribution channel (18) provided in the heatable soleplate (2).

5. (currently amended) An electric ~~Electric~~ steaming device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the device is a facial sauna.

6. (new) An electric steaming device as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the means for feeding water into the steam generator (5;105) comprises an electric pump (6;106).

7. (new) An electric steaming device as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the device is a steam iron with a soleplate (2), heating means (3) for heating the soleplate (2), and a plurality of steam outlet openings (16) provided in the soleplate (2), and in that the passageway (17) for conveying the generated steam to the steam outlet openings (16) comprises at least one steam distribution channel (18) provided in the heatable soleplate (2).

8. (new) An electric steaming device as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the device is a steam iron with a soleplate (2), heating means (3) for heating the soleplate (2), and a plurality of steam outlet openings (16) provided in the soleplate (2), and in that the passageway (17) for conveying the generated steam to the steam outlet openings (16) comprises at least one steam distribution

channel (18) provided in the heatable soleplate (2).

9. (new) An electric steaming device as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the device is a facial sauna.

10. (new) An electric steaming device as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the device is a facial sauna.